



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

Beautification Board

TO: Steve Burrow
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FROM: Evelyn Sanders, Chairman

DATE: February 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for **8:30** A.M., **Wednesday, February 10, 2016** in the **Personnel Conference Room** in City Hall.

Call Kathy Brown at City Hall (968-1166) if you are unable to attend the regular meeting.

FYI via email: Mayor Robert Craft
City Administrator Steve Griffin
Council Members: Philip Harris, Joe Garris, Jason Dyken, Steve Jones
Andy Bauer
Jennifer Watkins

AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

February 10, 2016

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2016 meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Arbor Day -Mary Wayne
 - B. Beautification Award -Steve & Rodney
 - C. Media -Mary Wayne
 - D. Website- Margaret Griffin
 - D. New Projects –Linda Bender
 - E. Landscape work update -Harlan & Mark
 - F. Planning & Zoning update -Jennifer Watkins
 - G. Council Update -Carolyn Doughty
- V. Other old business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Meeting date and time
- VIII. Meeting adjourn

Gulf Shores Beautification Board Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
January 23, 2016

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on January 13, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Mary Wayne Gilmore served as Co-Chairman and presided over the meeting in the absence of the Chairman. The meeting was held in the Personnel Conference Room of the Gulf Shores City Hall.

Members present: Mary Wayne Gilmore, Rodney Powell, Jimmie Van Valkenburgh, Jim Bauer, Margaret Griffin, Linda Bender, Carolyn Doughty, Harlan Harrison, and Jennifer Watkins.

The minutes of the January 23, 2016, meeting were approved as written with a motion made by Rodney Powell and was seconded by a consensus.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day - Mary Wayne Gilmore, Arbor Day Chairman, suggested that the Beautification Board have an alternative meeting to make sure that the Tree City USA and Growth Award points were kept current so as not to have a scramble at the last minute to locate additional points. 2016 will be the 29th year to receive the Tree City USA Award and the 14th year to receive the Growth Award. It was suggested that Arbor Day begin at 8 a.m. and last until 10 a.m. There will be two drawings with one for three trees at 9:00 a.m. and a second drawing for three trees at 9:30 a.m. We can get six fruit trees at Racines. Kathy Brown got the special size paper this year for the Arbor Day Poster Contest. The posters are to be picked up at Gulf Shores Elementary School on Monday, January 25, 2016. Also, the Arbor Day Proclamation is to be presented by the Mayor at the City Council meeting on Monday 25, 2016, at 4 p.m. Mary Wayne will see if she can speak at the Town Hall meeting to invite everyone to the Tree Give Away by the Beautification Board.

Beautification Board Awards – Rodney Powell, Co-Chairman announced the sign has been picked up from Bill's by the Beach. Charlotte and Gene Hill will receive the Residential Beautification Board Award today right after the meeting. The Committee should maintain a record of the award recipients and dates that they were awarded. It was suggested to add a Seasonal Beautification Board Award to the list of awards. A new award must contain the City's colors.

Media – No report.

Website – Margaret Griffin wants anyone who has previous pictures of the Beautification Board's awards with the dates to send them to her for developing a pictorial history of the Board. A list of the invasive plants for our area was suggested to be added to our website.

New Projects – Linda Bender presented a plan for a Raised Garden Box Planter to possibly be used for a Sensory Garden for the Handicapped. It would need to be wheel chair accessible on a solid surface under pine trees with dappled shade. The area between the Bodenhamer Center and Kids' Park was suggested including the parking lot and pavilion if possible. We need to research what plants would be possible to use. An exercise area for the handicapped is being looked into with different exercise stations.

Landscape – Harlan Harrison stated that he thinks that the Sensory Garden is a great idea and wants to determine how it can fit in determining points for our Growth Award. He has documentation of prior points earned by the Board. He discussed the *Leave No Footprints Ordinance* which states to remove everything every day from the beach. This message is being presented to the public. We want to keep our beaches clean. The Beach Patrol serves to help in this matter.

The Landscape Department is backed up with projects at this time. The Thirteenth Street Parking Lot is currently being landscaped and also the Tenth Street Board Walking Parking Lot. 2,500 Slash Pines and 500 Longleaf Pines are going to be planted on the Ft. Morgan Bike Trail. The Landscape Division will have one new employee to mow the median on Highway 59 and other areas. More swings and arbors are being added at Moe's Landing and St. Andrews. Next year's 2017 Arbor Day Trees have been planted and are growing.

Planning and Zoning – Jennifer Watkins informed the Beautification Board about the number of points that we could earn on the Pine Tree Planting, Category D 1, 4 points. She discussed other ways to use the Guide to determine our points.

Council Updates – Carolyn Doughty informed the Board that ALDOT has approved sidewalks from Windmill Ridge Road to Highway 59. There will be a lot of economic development opportunities in the future with the eleven acres in the Airport area. The Council is dealing with a lot of issues with Uber. The tax mills need to be reinstated to the Board of Education for Baldwin County. Project Restore money could be used for the development of the West side of the Beach.

Old Business – It was brought to our attention that Harlan is responsible for the Tree City USA points and the Beautification Board is responsible for the Growth Award points that are to be submitted in December. It was decided that the Committee Chairs will be responsible for their designated awards with points noted.

The next meeting of the Beautification Board will be on February 10, 2016. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmie Van Valkenburgh
Secretary